

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 44 are pending in the application and are presented for a first substantive examination on the merits.

In the outstanding Office Action, the application was subjected to an Election of Species Requirement.

By this Response, an election without traverse is made.

Election Requirement Summary

The Examiner has required election of one of six species labeled I, II, III, IV, V, and VI and identification of the claims reading thereon. The Examiner asserts that all six species are patentably distinct as depicted in figures 1A and 1B, in figure 2, in figure 3A, in figure 3B, in figure 3C, and in figure 4, respectively.

Response

Applicants elect to continue prosecution of Species VI, figure 4 without traverse. Applicants assert that claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-10, 13-15, 18-20, 24-37, 38-41, and 43 read on figure 4.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner examine all of the claims of Species VI.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to conduct a first substantive examination of the application. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this matter, Examiner is welcomed to contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed

number and address.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

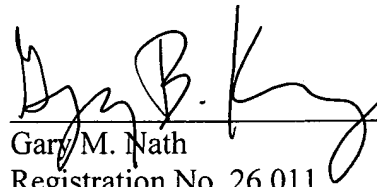
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